THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.24932 of 2006

Dated: 04-12-2006

Between:

Sri Rama Electricity Works, rep. by its Proprietor, Maaboobnagar.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Chief General Manager (P&MM), APCPDCL, Hyderabd, and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

The petitioner was licensed as vendor for supply for electrical goods to various offices under the control of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board, whose operations are now taken over insofar the distribution of power is concerned by the Central Power Distribution Company Limited. The licence, which was extended from time to time, was expired in 2003. The petitioner applied in February, 2005, for renewal of the licence, in vain. Therefore, instant writ petition is filed.

Admittedly, the petitioner's licence was expired in February, 2003 and his application for renewal, if any, was belated, even if the same was not considered within the time as expected by the respondents, this Court cannot find fault with the same.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent No.2 who is at present the licencing authority himself advised the petitioner to apply afresh. If that be so, nothing prevents the petitioner to approach respondent No.2 to make an application for grant of fresh licence and also request respondent No.2 to adjust the security deposit allegedly paid in 1994 towards the security deposit for the new licence that may be granted. Giving liberty to the petitioner to do so, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or rights of the petitioner to seek vendor licence, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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(**V.V.S.RAO, J**)

04th December, 2006

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